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A BILL FOR

1 An Act crediting fees from the sale of certain special motor
2 vehicle registration plates to the emergency medical services
3 fund and the veterans license fee fund, and providing an
4 effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.11, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:

1 3 35A.11 VETERANS LICENSE FEE FUND.

1 4 A veterans license fee fund is created in the state
1 5 treasury under the control of the commission. ~~The fund shall~~

~~1 6 include the fees credited by the treasurer of state from the~~
~~1 7 sale of special veteran license plates pursuant to section~~

~~1 8 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph "d".~~ Notwithstanding section
1 9 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys in the veterans license
1 10 fee fund shall be credited to the veterans license fee fund.

1 11 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the commission to be
1 12 used to fulfill the responsibilities of the commission. The

~~1 13 fund shall include the fees credited by the treasurer of state~~
~~1 14 from the sale of the following special motor vehicle~~

~~1 15 registration plates:~~

1 16 1. Veteran special plates issued pursuant to section
1 17 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph "d".

1 18 2. National guard special plates issued pursuant to
1 19 section 321.34, subsection 16.

1 20 3. Pearl Harbor special plates issued pursuant to section
1 21 321.34, subsection 17.

1 22 4. Purple heart special plates issued pursuant to section
1 23 321.34, subsection 18.

1 24 5. United States armed forces retired special plates
1 25 issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 19.

1 26 6. Silver star and bronze star special plates issued
1 27 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 20.

1 28 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, subsection 10A, Code 2007, is
1 29 amended to read as follows:

1 30 10A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLATES.

1 31 a. The owner of a motor vehicle ~~subject to registration~~
~~1 32 pursuant to section 321.109, subsection 1, motor truck, motor~~

~~1 33 home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or travel~~
~~1 34 trailer referred to in subsection 12~~ who is a current member

1 35 of a paid or volunteer emergency medical services agency may,
2 1 upon written application to the department, order special

2 2 registration plates, designed by the department in cooperation
2 3 with representatives designated by the Iowa emergency medical

2 4 services association, which plates signify that the applicant
2 5 is a current member of a paid or volunteer emergency medical

2 6 services agency. The application shall be approved by the
2 7 department, in consultation with representatives designated by

2 8 the Iowa emergency medical services association, and the
2 9 special registration plates shall be issued to the applicant

2 10 in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to
2 11 the person. The fee for the special plates ~~shall be~~ is

2 12 twenty-five dollars which ~~shall be~~ is in addition to the
2 13 regular annual registration fee. The department shall

2 14 validate the special plates in the same manner as regular
2 15 registration plates are validated under this section at the

2 16 regular annual registration fee.

2 17 b. The special fees collected by the director under this
2 18 subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
2 19 credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section
2 20 423.43, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use
2 21 tax fund under section 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
2 22 the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those
2 23 revenues to the emergency medical services fund created in
2 24 section 135.25 the amount of the special fees collected in the
2 25 previous month for issuance of emergency medical services
2 26 plates.

2 27 Sec. 3. Section 321.34, subsections 16, 17, 18, 19, and
2 28 20, Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:

2 29 16. NATIONAL GUARD SPECIAL PLATES. An owner referred to
2 30 in subsection 12 who is a member of the national guard, as
2 31 defined in chapter 29A, may, upon written application to the
2 32 department, order special registration plates with a national
2 33 guard processed emblem with the emblem designed by the
2 34 department in cooperation with the adjutant general which
2 35 emblem signifies that the applicant is a member of the
3 1 national guard. The application shall be approved by the
3 2 department in consultation with the adjutant general. The
3 3 special plate fees collected by the director under subsection
3 4 12, paragraph "a", from the issuance and annual validation of
3 5 letter=number designated and personalized national guard
3 6 plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
3 7 credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section
3 8 423.43, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use
3 9 tax fund under section 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
3 10 the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those
3 11 revenues to the veterans license fee fund created in section
3 12 35A.11 the amount of the special fees collected in the
3 13 previous month for national guard plates. Special

3 14 registration plates with a national guard processed emblem
3 15 shall be surrendered, as provided in subsection 12, in
3 16 exchange for regular registration plates upon termination of
3 17 the owner's membership in the active national guard.

3 18 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
3 19 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
3 20 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
3 21 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
3 22 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
3 23 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
3 24 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
3 25 special plates to the department and the department shall
3 26 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

3 27 17. PEARL HARBOR SPECIAL PLATES. An owner referred to in
3 28 subsection 12 who was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a member of
3 29 the armed services of the United States on December 7, 1941,
3 30 may, upon written application to the department, order special
3 31 registration plates with a Pearl Harbor processed emblem. The
3 32 emblem shall be designed by the department in consultation
3 33 with service organizations. The application is subject to
3 34 approval by the department. The special plate fees collected
3 35 by the director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the

4 1 issuance and annual validation of letter=number designated and
4 2 personalized Pearl Harbor plates shall be paid monthly to the
4 3 treasurer of state and credited to the road use tax fund.
4 4 Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the crediting of
4 5 revenues to the road use tax fund under section 423.43,
4 6 subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state shall
4 7 transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans license
4 8 fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special
4 9 fees collected in the previous month for Pearl Harbor plates.

4 10 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
4 11 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
4 12 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
4 13 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
4 14 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
4 15 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
4 16 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
4 17 special plates to the department and the department shall
4 18 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

4 19 18. PURPLE HEART SPECIAL PLATES. An owner referred to in
4 20 subsection 12 who was awarded a purple heart medal by the
4 21 United States government for wounds received in military or
4 22 naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States may,
4 23 upon written application to the department and presentation of
4 24 satisfactory proof of the award of the purple heart medal,
4 25 order special registration plates with a purple heart
4 26 processed emblem. The design of the emblem shall include a
4 27 representation of a purple heart medal and ribbon. The

4 28 application is subject to approval by the department in
4 29 consultation with the adjutant general. The special plate
4 30 fees collected by the director under subsection 12, paragraph
4 31 "a", from the issuance and annual validation of letter=number
4 32 designated and personalized purple heart plates shall be paid
4 33 monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use
4 34 tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the
4 35 crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section
5 1 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state
5 2 shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans
5 3 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the
5 4 special fees collected in the previous month for purple heart
5 5 plates.

5 6 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
5 7 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
5 8 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
5 9 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
5 10 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
5 11 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
5 12 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
5 13 special plates to the department and the department shall
5 14 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

5 15 19. UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES RETIRED SPECIAL PLATES. An
5 16 owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a retired member of
5 17 the United States armed forces may, upon written application
5 18 to the department and upon presentation of satisfactory proof
5 19 of membership, order special registration plates with a United
5 20 States armed forces retired processed emblem. The emblem
5 21 shall be designed by the department in consultation with
5 22 service organizations. The application is subject to approval
5 23 by the department. For purposes of this subsection, a person
5 24 is considered to be retired if the person is recognized by the
5 25 United States armed forces as retired from the United States
5 26 armed forces. The special plate fees collected by the
5 27 director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the issuance
5 28 and annual validation of letter=number designated and
5 29 personalized armed forces retired plates shall be paid monthly
5 30 to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use tax
5 31 fund. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the
5 32 crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section
5 33 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state
5 34 shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans
5 35 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the
6 1 special fees collected in the previous month for armed forces
6 2 retired plates.

6 3 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
6 4 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
6 5 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
6 6 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
6 7 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
6 8 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
6 9 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
6 10 special plates to the department and the department shall
6 11 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

6 12 20. SILVER OR BRONZE STAR PLATES. An owner referred to in
6 13 subsection 12 who was awarded a silver or a bronze star by the
6 14 United States government, may, upon written application to the
6 15 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of the award
6 16 of the silver or bronze star, order special registration
6 17 plates with a silver or bronze star processed emblem. The
6 18 emblem shall be designed by the department in consultation
6 19 with the adjutant general. The special plate fees collected
6 20 by the director under subsection 12, paragraph "a", from the
6 21 issuance and annual validation of letter=number designated and
6 22 personalized silver star and bronze star plates shall be paid
6 23 monthly to the treasurer of state and credited to the road use
6 24 tax fund. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the
6 25 crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section
6 26 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state
6 27 shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the veterans
6 28 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the
6 29 special fees collected in the previous month for silver star
6 30 and bronze star plates.

6 31 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special
6 32 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for
6 33 and use the special plates subject to registration of the
6 34 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment
6 35 of the annual five-dollar special plate fee and the regular
7 1 annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the surviving
7 2 spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the
7 3 special plates to the department and the department shall

7 4 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

7 5 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This bill, being deemed of
7 6 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

7 7 EXPLANATION

7 8 This bill directs the treasurer of state to credit fees
7 9 from the sale of special national guard, Pearl Harbor veteran,
7 10 purple heart, armed forces retired, bronze star, and silver
7 11 star motor vehicle registration plates to the veterans license
7 12 fee fund. The plates are issued for a special initial fee of
7 13 \$25 and renewed annually for a special fee of \$5 in addition
7 14 to the regular annual registration fee. Currently, the
7 15 special fees are deposited in the road use tax fund.

7 16 The bill provides that a surviving spouse of a person who
7 17 was issued special national guard, Pearl Harbor veteran,
7 18 purple heart, armed forces retired, bronze star, or silver
7 19 star registration plates may continue to use, or apply for and
7 20 use, the special plates by registering the plates in the
7 21 surviving spouse's name and paying the applicable fees. If
7 22 the surviving spouse remarries, the special plates must be
7 23 exchanged for regular registration plates. This privilege for
7 24 surviving spouses currently applies for congressional medal of
7 25 honor, ex-prisoner of war, and legion of merit special plates.

7 26 The bill requires that fees charged for the issuance of
7 27 special emergency medical services registration plates are to
7 28 be deposited in the emergency medical services fund
7 29 administered by the department of public health. Emergency
7 30 medical services plates are available to members of emergency
7 31 medical services agencies for a fee of \$25. There is no
7 32 special fee for annual validation.

7 33 All of the provisions of the bill are effective upon
7 34 enactment.

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